GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Water Commission for River Rejuvenation
Kaswan Shri Rahul

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to set up an overarching water commission like National Water Commission to improve national water management;
(b) if so, the details in this regard;
(c) whether there is any proposal to unify Central Water Commission (CWC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), if so, the details thereof; and
(d) whether the Government is planning to include professionals from disciplines like hydrologists, hydro geologists, social scientists, agronomists and other stakeholders for River Rejuvenation, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION

(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) to (d) A Committee was constituted by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, in September 2015, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mihir Shah, Former Member, erstwhile Planning Commission, for restructuring of Central Water Commission (CWC) and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) for optimal development of water resources in the country in the backdrop of integrated water resources management. The Committee has submitted its report in July 2016 to the Ministry and has recommended merging of the CWC and the CGWB to make a National Water Commission (NWC). The Committee has further recommended the staffing pattern of the NWC. The report submitted by the Committee is under consideration in the Ministry.

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